

REMARKS

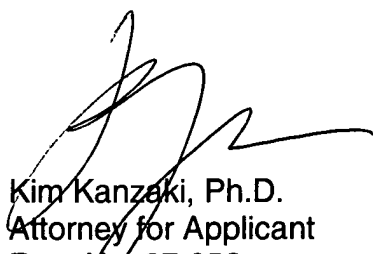
The traversals of the rejections of the previous Office Actions and the arguments presented in response to those rejections are maintained and incorporated by reference in this response. The Office Actions do not establish that claims 1-37 are unpatentable under 35 USC §103(a) over "Bailey" (US patent 6,701,513 to Bailey) in view of "Yamamoto" (US patent 6,735,759 to Yamamoto et al.). The rejection is, however, now moot in view of the amendments made to independent claims 1, 10, 17, 22, and 33.

New dependent claims 38-41 are added to claim further aspects of the invention and are thought to be in condition for allowance as depending from allowable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and a notice of allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks presented above. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

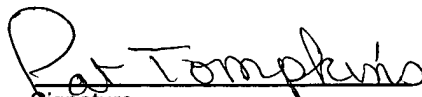
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